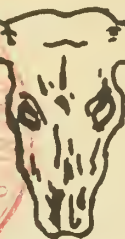
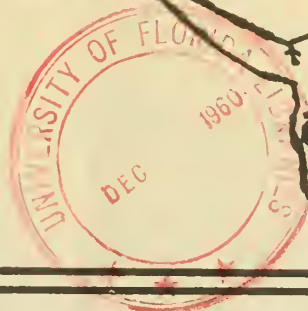


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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Price declines were general at midwest markets on most classes of livestock. This was partly due to lower trends on most dressed meats. Slaughter steer and heifer marketings were again rather liberal and this was also a factor in the steady to \$1.50 lower trend on these classes with a large share of the late sales 25-50¢ off. Slaughter cows closed weak to 50¢ lower; stocker and feeder cattle and calves unevenly steady to \$1.25 lower. Barrows and gilts sold steady to 75¢ lower. The general trend on slaughter lambs was 50¢-1.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts continued fairly liberal at major midwest terminals and slaughter steer and heifer prices turned lower for the second consecutive week. Declines on steer and heifer beef at major wholesale dressed meat centers also influenced trading as prices for red meats moved into the normal pre-Christmas slump. At some terminals, notably Chicago, the transportation tie-up along the Eastern seaboard due to a heavy snowfall had a decidedly bearish influence as interest from that area curtailed buying activities. Slaughter steers were generally steady to 75¢ lower with high-Good and Choice yearlings 1150# down in broadest demand and showing the least decline. At Chicago, \$1.00-1.50 price declines were recorded on all steers 1150# and heavier. Heifers were steady to \$1.00 lower with most terminals showing declines of 25¢-75¢. Cows sold weak to 50¢ lower; bulls 50¢-1.50 lower. Vealers were \$1.00 higher at St. Louis but \$1.00 lower in St. Paul. Slaughter steers and heifers predominated in the receipts at most points. Bulk of the steers and heifers fell into the Good and Choice grades but an increased percentage of Good short fed steers was marketed at several terminals. Prime steers were available in very limited numbers as a whole but the percentage Prime in the steer supply at Chicago increased from 12 to fully 16 percent.

Bulk of the Choice and Prime 900-1400# steers brought \$25.00-28.25 at Chicago, but only one load brought \$28.25 at midweek when most sales were from \$27.75 down. Four loads of Prime 1250-1350# steers cashed at \$28.50 at Chicago early in the week. At other points a few loads of mixed Choice and Prime steers moved at \$26.25-27.50 while most high-Good and Choice brought \$24.00-26.50 including a few loads Choice 1400-1600# at \$24.00-25.50. Some Choice yearlings 950-1100# brought \$26.75-27.50 in Chicago. Most Good steers sold at \$22.00-25.25. Loadlots mixed Choice and Prime slaughter heifers sold from \$25.50-26.50 with a few to \$27.00 in Chicago early in the week. Choice heifers bulked at \$24.00-25.75 while Good sold from \$21.25-24.50. Utility and Commercial cows brought \$13.00-16.00, Cannery and Cutters \$11.00-14.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Fairly large mid-December receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets found only a moderate demand. Prices at some markets were maintained at either steady or only slightly easier levels but at several markets prices were substantially lower. At Sioux City, Choice offerings held steady but other grades were weak to 50¢ lower. At Kansas City the trend was unevenly weak to \$1.25 lower and at So. St. Joseph, Oklahoma City and Wichita prices ranged from steady to \$1.00 lower. Medium to average-Good stockers, both calves and yearlings, usually showed most downturn. Downturns in slaughter cattle prices during the week was a factor prompting country buyers to proceed rather cautiously. The nearing approach of the year-end Holiday season along with unfavorable weather conditions in some areas also were factors which tended to temporarily curtail demand.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers sold from \$22.00-26.25, majority \$22.50-25.50. At Sioux City a large string of Choice 785# steers brought \$27.00 but at Kansas City late in the week Choice 850# sold at \$25.00. Medium and low-Good feeders brought \$19.50-23.00. Few Choice yearling stock steers brought \$27.50-28.25, load 678# included at \$28.00. Occasional shipments Choice 525-625# short yearlings cashed at \$29.00-31.50. Meanwhile, bulk Good and Choice 550-750# stock steers sold from \$23.00-27.00; Medium and low-Good \$19.00-23.00. Two loads Common and Medium 550# Holsteins brought \$19.00. Limited numbers Good and Choice yearling heifers ranged from \$21.25-25.00, load Choice 580# \$26.00. Three loads Choice and Fancy 425-491# steer calves brought \$33.00-34.00; other steer calves of Good and Choice grades ranged \$24.00-32.00, same grades heifer calves \$22.00-29.00, load Choice and Fancy 430# \$30.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings at the 12 terminals numbered around 333,000 or 6 percent below the previous week and 23 percent under the corresponding week a year ago. Mixed No. 1-3 grade 200-260# barrows and gilts predominated in supplies with a moderate showing of 180-200# at the eastern Corn Belt markets. Best demand centered on 180-230# barrows and gilts resulting in a further widening of price spreads at most markets. Shipper demand was moderate at most of the western points but the crippling snowstorm along the Eastern Seaboard curtailed shipping orders at eastern Corn Belt centers. At some centers an early downturn was recovered late but generally, barrows and gilts 180-230# finished the week steady to 50¢ lower, others 25-75¢ off. Sows were largely 25-50¢ off.

U. S. 1-2, 180-230# barrows and gilts brought \$17.50-18.75, most sales \$17.50-18.00. However, the bulk of the 180-240# barrows and gilts sold in mixed No. 1-3 grade lots at \$16.75-17.75. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows bulked at \$11.50-14.50 with U. S. 1-2, 250-330# \$14.75-15.00.

Prices on feeder pigs were steady to strong. Good and Choice 130-160# feeder pigs at St. Paul sold at \$16.50-17.00 while same grades 130-170# at Sioux City bulked at \$16.00-16.50, few Choice \$16.75-17.00.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area - Receipts were 5 percent smaller than the previous week and 14 percent less than a year ago. Bulk of the butcher supply weighed 200-240#. Compared with the previous Friday, 180-220# barrows and gilts closed mainly steady with heavier weights weak to 35¢ lower; sows were 15¢ to mostly 25¢ lower and made up almost 10 percent of total receipts. Mixed 1-3 190-220# barrows and gilts closed at \$16.50-17.25, No. 1-2 selected lots \$17.00-17.50; U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows \$13.25-15.15, 400-550# \$11.35-13.65.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets were 4 percent less than the previous week, but were 2 percent larger than a year ago. The greater percentage of slaughter lambs were woolled offerings. Lower dressed lamb prices at eastern wholesale centers proved a major price depressing factor in the live trade. Slaughter lamb prices were weak to \$1.00 lower with the bulk 50¢-1.00 off; slaughter ewes mostly steady to 50¢ higher; feeder lambs steady to \$1.00 lower, mainly steady to 25¢ off.

Choice and Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs sold during the week at \$16.00-17.50, most late sales \$16.00-17.00 and a few Choice and Prime 110-125# lambs \$15.00. Choice and Prime lambs reached \$18.00 early at Indianapolis and St. Louis, and a few small lots 65-80# \$18.50 at Denver. Good and Choice woolled lambs ranged from \$14.50-16.00 on late rounds. Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn lambs with No. 1 to fall shorn pelts sold from \$15.00-17.00; Good and Choice \$14.50-15.50. Cull to Choice slaughter ewes brought \$2.50-6.50.

Good and Choice 50-80# feeder lambs sold at \$15.00-17.25, few loads Choice 60-70# western feeders \$17.25-17.50 at Sioux City.

Marketings of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area were around 18 percent less than the previous week, but 11 percent larger than a year ago. Woolled lambs comprised the bulk of receipts. Woolled slaughter lambs closed steady to 25¢ lower and instances 50¢ off; shorn lambs weak to 50¢ lower; slaughter ewes unchanged. On the close, Choice and Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to the plants brought \$15.75-16.50, liberal share around \$16.00; Good and Choice \$14.50-15.75. Choice and Prime 80-105# lambs with No. 1 to fall shorn pelts \$15.00-

15.50, few selected high-yielding lambs \$16.00; Good and Choice shorn lambs \$14.00-15.25. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$2.00-4.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trading on slaughter steers and heifers was moderately active with volume only half that of previous week. However, prices were firm and several loads again contracted for future delivery. Trading on stocker and feeder cattle too limited to test trend; slaughter lambs firm to 50¢ higher, instances 75¢ up. Slaughter steers: In California and Arizona, 40 loads mostly Choice 1000-1150# \$26.00, including some for up to mid-February; 140 loads predominantly Choice 900-1200# \$24.90-25.75, bulk \$25.00-25.50, including some for delivery through January; 27 loads Choice 1200-1400# \$24.00-25.00; mixed Good and Choice 875-1250# \$24.00-24.50; high-Standard to mostly Good 850-1225# \$23.00-23.75, some of latter for up to February 10 delivery; Standard and Good 800-1100# \$20.50-22.80, bulk \$21.00 up, some loads at \$21.90-22.80 to continue on feed. Slaughter heifers: 6 loads mostly Choice 700-850# \$25.00, few for up to February 1 delivery; 65 loads Good and Choice 800-1050# \$23.00-24.50.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Calves: Good and Choice 300-600# stock steer calves and short yearlings \$25.00-26.75; 150 Choice 400# heifer calves \$24.00; 100 Good and Choice 550-575# yearling steers \$24.50; 550 Good steers \$23.00, expected 550# at early March delivery.

Lambs: In Utah, Choice and Prime 100-110# woolled slaughter lambs \$16.50-17.50, mostly \$17.00-17.50 late, 6 loads to \$17.75.

Wool: In Imperial Valley, California, near 1,000,000 pounds lambs wool 42-45¢, mostly 43½-45¢ per grease pound, f.o.b. rail car or warehouse.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at feedlots rather active early, but very few sales were completed after Wednesday. Slaughter steers sold steady to mostly 50¢ lower with slaughter heifers 35-50¢ lower, some sales off 75¢. In Colorado 8 loads high-Choice and Prime 1150-1200# slaughter steers \$27.00-27.10; 100 loads Choice 1050-1250# \$25.75-26.75, late sales mostly \$25.75-26.25; 5 loads 1300-1410# \$24.75-25.25; 180 loads Choice 860-1025# slaughter heifers \$25.25-26.25, late sales mostly \$25.25-25.60; 10 loads high-Good and Choice 900-975# \$24.75-25.50. Platte Valley of Nebraska: 20 loads

mostly Choice 1150-1250# slaughter steers \$24.85-25.85; 5 loads mostly Choice 950-960# slaughter heifers \$24.50-24.85.

Adverse weather early in the week tended to slow trading on stocker and feeder cattle and calves. Sales and contracts on 3,300 head were confirmed at steady to strong prices. Western Kansas: Over 700 Good and Choice 680-865# feeder steers \$24.00-25.50; few Good 750-835# \$23.00; 425 Good and Choice 525-625# heifers for February-April delivery \$22.00-23.00. Colorado: 250 Good and Choice 630-750# steers \$23.50-24.50; 700 Good and Choice 650-700# heifers \$23.50-23.75; load Good and Choice 400# steer calves \$29.00, 2 loads same grades 375-425# heifer calves \$24.75-26.00; 400 mostly Choice 375-385# heifer calves \$26.50-26.75. Wyoming: 550 Good and Choice 650-725# steers \$24.75-25.50.

Slaughter lambs sold steady early with late sales 25-50¢ lower, slaughter ewes steady. Colorado: Mixed Choice and Prime 95-105# wooled slaughter lambs \$17.25-17.75; few Choice \$16.50-17.00. Choice and Prime 98-110# shorn lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$16.50-17.00. Utility and Good 110-125# slaughter ewes \$4.75-6.50. Load Good and Choice 80# feeder lambs \$15.65. Western Kansas: Choice and Prime 97-106# wooled lambs sold off wheat \$17.25-17.50. Wyoming: Utility and Good slaughter ewes \$4.50-5.00 per head.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Heavy snow over the area. Slaughter cattle in broad demand steady to 50¢ higher early, closed steady. Stocker and feeder transactions limited, prices firm. About 30 loads Good to mostly Choice 1100-1150# slaughter steers \$26.00-26.25; 20 loads same grades 1400-1600# \$25.50 part on delivered basis; 12 loads Good and Choice 1050-1300# \$25.00-25.50; 15 loads Good 1050-1200# \$24.00-25.00; 4 loads Standard and Good 1000-1075# \$22.50-23.50; 11 loads Good and Choice 800-975# slaughter heifers \$23.50-24.50.

About 200 Choice 1000# feeder steers \$24.00; 115 Common and Medium 750-930# \$17.50-18.50; 500 Good to mostly Choice 800# for January delivery \$25.00; 850 Good and Choice 600-625# \$25.00-26.00 for March delivery; 750 Good and Choice 600-700# heifers for March delivery \$23.00; 120 Common and Medium stock cows \$125.00-135.00 per head; some 200 Good and Choice bred heifers \$185.00 per head.

Amarillo Area - Feedlot trading slow at steady prices; stockers and feeders fairly active but weak. Four loads mostly Choice 1100# slaughter steers for February delivery \$25.25; 9 loads Good and Choice slaughter heifers \$24.00, part for January delivery.

Over 900 Good and Choice 700-980# feeder steers \$23.00-25.00; 500 head 600-650# for March delivery \$25.50; over 1,500 Medium and Good 500-800# steers for February-May delivery \$22.00-23.75; 4,100 Good and Choice 550-675#

feeder heifers \$22.00-23.50, over 6,100 head 550-625# for May-June delivery \$22.00-23.50; 250 Good and Choice 450# steer calves for January \$26.00; 150 three-year-old Good stock cows \$240.00 per head.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers fully steady; stocker and feeder cattle and calves fully steady to strong; slaughter lambs in Idaho 50-75¢ higher; otherwise steady.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Choice 1000-1175# \$25.00-26.00, including several loads for up to 30-day delivery; Choice 1165-1250# \$24.00-24.50; mixed Good and Choice 1030-1200# \$24.00-25.00. Idaho - Large string Choice 1125-1150# \$25.00 for up to February 1; mostly Choice 1100-1130# \$24.00-24.50.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Few loads Choice 990# \$24.00; Good to mostly Choice 850-950# \$22.50-23.50. Idaho - 2 loads Choice, end of Prime, 1025# \$24.50, Choice \$24.00.

Stockers and feeders: Oregon - Choice and Fancy 600# steers \$26.50. Oregon and Idaho - Good and Choice 550-900# steers \$23.00-24.50; Good and Choice 650-750# heifers \$22.00-23.00. Washington - Good 450-550# stock calves, \$25.00 on steers, \$22.00 on heifers. Three State area-Medium and Good mixed aged stock cows \$145.00-200.00 per head.

Slaughter lambs: Washington and Oregon - Choice and Prime 100-108# wooled with No. 1, 2 and 3 pelts \$17.50-18.00 delivered. Idaho - Choice and Prime 100-110# wooled \$17.25-18.00, mainly \$17.50-18.00 f.o.b.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Very little precipitation with temperatures near normal. Direct trading generally slow. Slaughter as well as stocker and feeder yearlings steady to 50¢ higher; stock cows fully steady; stock calves steady, instances \$1.00 lower; slaughter lambs mostly 50¢ lower; feeder lambs generally steady. Montana, 100 low to average-Choice 1000-1050# slaughter heifers for January delivery \$23.00. Around 550 Good and Choice 725-800# feeder steers for early January \$24.50-25.50; 40 mostly Choice stock cows \$215.00 per head; 400 Good and Choice cows \$170.00-185.00 per head; 500 Choice and Fancy 375-400# stock steer calves \$30.00-30.50; 800 high-Good to mostly Choice calves, steers 400-435# \$28.00-29.00, heifers 375-425# \$25.00; 100 high-Good and Choice 475# steer calves for early January \$28.00. Northern Wyoming, load Good and Choice 700# feeder steers \$25.00; 730 mostly Choice calves, steers 400-425# \$29.50-30.00, heifers 375-425# \$25.50-26.00.

Sheep: Montana, 1,600 Good and Choice 80-95# feeder lambs \$15.25-16.00; 250 Good and Choice solid-mouth breeding ewes \$12.00 per head. Northern Wyoming, around 750 Good and Choice 100-110# slaughter lambs \$15.75-17.25; those at \$17.00-17.25 carrying a Prime end. 1,000 Good and Choice 90# feeder lambs \$16.00.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec.17	Dec.19	Dec.17	Dec.19	Dec.17	Dec.19	Dec.17	Dec.19
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	44,955	49,397	213	326	42,650	46,005	8,947	13,021
Cincinnati	3,737	2,926	519	558	9,461	12,456	1,111	1,322
Denver	8,200	10,682	531	1,365	5,578	6,253	12,031	13,574
Fort Worth	9,008	4,375	1,935	1,478	1,752	1,717	5,492	3,349
Indianapolis	6,255	6,073	419	592	27,451	37,274	3,564	4,323
Kansas City	21,653	24,539	1,441	1,394	16,560	18,831	7,930	4,593
Oklahoma City	6,774	8,905	1,312	979	3,078	2,536	1,174	740
Omaha	42,471	43,929	1,595	2,199	46,510	68,015	11,865	13,725
St. Joseph	16,900	16,009	831	739	27,628	40,745	6,753	5,570
St. Louis NSY	15,872	15,221	2,095	2,072	55,144	74,151	7,342	6,887
Sioux City	36,310	34,346	5,247	4,969	45,379	55,798	8,687	10,513
S. St. Paul	21,945	21,283	10,769	9,891	51,946	66,273	19,378	14,873
Total	235,080	237,685	26,907	26,562	333,137	430,054	94,274	92,490
" Dec. 10, 1960	236,046		30,192		354,172		98,664	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Dec. 17, 1960	Dec. 10, 1960	Dec. 19, 1959
Hogs	386,000	407,000	449,000
Sheep	29,100	35,700	26,200

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Five months	
	Dec.15	Dec. 8	Dec.17	Nov.	Nov.	July - Nov.	
	1960	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steers - 100# up	1,528	1,390	1,061	2,692	2,547	10,779**	17,386
901-1000	2,783	3,272	2,752	7,814	9,165	38,123	57,784
801-900	4,478	4,573	5,018	19,322	21,490	87,574	104,616
701-800	5,706	5,068	6,428	28,774	42,764	150,190	166,263
501-700	9,276	11,717	11,050	55,150	72,279	315,773	332,445
Total steers 10 markets	23,771	26,020	26,309	113,752	148,245	602,439	678,494
Av. wts. " " "	752#	739#	740#	715#	711#	705#	718#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.95	\$24.05	\$22.83	\$22.97	\$23.73	\$21.90	\$25.32
" " " Chicago	23.11	23.97	22.83	22.49	25.46	22.76	26.23
" " " Kansas City	23.95	23.77	22.53	22.54	23.34	21.52	24.81
" " " Omaha	24.07	23.96	23.09	24.07	24.85	23.24	26.46
" " " S. St. Paul	22.18	22.20	21.55	21.13	21.80	21.17	23.75
" " " Sioux City	25.07	25.64	24.96	24.11	24.86	23.34	26.55
" " " Denver	24.37	24.27	23.91	23.76	24.63	22.82	25.61
" " " Ft. Worth	21.71	22.70	21.41	20.44	20.83	19.91	24.08
" " " Oklahoma City ...	23.55	23.56	21.44	21.43	21.76	19.93	24.11
" " " S. St. Joseph ...	21.96	23.45	22.21	21.60	22.32	20.76	24.69
" " " St. Louis NSY ...	23.22	22.30	20.63	21.24	22.79	20.72	24.15
Total calves - 10 markets	22,940	26,144	18,732	125,143	148,826	469,703	442,440
" heifers " " "	2,912	3,907	2,824	18,509	24,768	106,347	124,668
" cows " " "	1,672	2,102	1,532	12,256	8,425	27,250	23,236

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market. **Revised.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Oklahoma City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Dec. 16, 1960	2	46	18	9	10	41	5	8	15	60	68	51	50
Dec. 9, 1960	2	45	18	12	10	38	10	8	15	70	73	52	60
Dec. 18, 1959	2	47	22	14	10	28	5	17	25	45	60	40	50
Slaughter cows													
Dec. 16, 1960	5	9	11	9	15	8	20	12	35	15	13	23	20
Dec. 9, 1960	5	12	10	9	15	7	27	12	40	15	14	22	15
Dec. 18, 1959	5	10	8	8	13	7	25	15	30	25	13	15	25

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Dec.15 1960	Dec.17 1959	Dec.15 1960	Dec.17 1959	Dec.15 1960	Dec.17 1959	Dec.15 1960	Dec.17 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	5,154	2,673	16.6	7.5	1,236	1,276	27.56	27.19
Choice.....	17,725	22,470	56.9	63.4	1,165	1,165	26.62	25.54
Good.....	7,175	8,080	23.0	22.8	1,124	1,128	25.35	23.80
Standard.....	858	1,682	2.8	4.7	1,025	1,006	23.26	22.32
Commercial.....	--	144	--	.4	--	1,405	--	20.90
Utility.....	223	375	.7	1.2	1,055	1,049	21.24	18.85
All grades.....	31,135	35,424			1,163	1,157	26.39	25.07
OMAHA								
Prime.....	240	175	1.4	1.0	1,166	1,184	26.55	26.41
Choice.....	7,063	7,073	42.0	41.5	1,160	1,144	25.47	24.74
Good.....	8,693	8,669	51.7	50.9	1,114	1,120	24.00	23.05
Standard.....	750	928	4.5	5.5	1,089	1,101	20.69	19.80
Utility.....	62	185	.4	1.1	1,041	1,010	19.01	17.68
All grades.....	16,808	17,030			1,133	1,128	24.51	23.58
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	181	125	1.6	1.0	1,156	1,123	27.07	26.17
Choice.....	6,610	7,692	58.2	58.9	1,160	1,138	25.81	24.37
Good.....	4,055	4,790	35.7	36.7	1,126	1,101	24.48	23.06
Standard.....	429	334	3.8	2.6	1,083	1,079	21.38	20.33
Utility.....	79	104	.7	.8	1,042	1,108	20.04	18.38
All grades.....	11,354	13,045			1,144	1,122	25.17	23.77
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	13	36	.2	.5	1,096	1,103	26.94	27.31
Choice.....	1,490	1,776	24.1	26.0	1,123	1,112	26.25	24.74
Good.....	3,727	3,844	60.3	56.0	1,080	1,117	24.10	22.86
Standard.....	890	1,047	14.4	15.3	1,096	1,109	20.74	20.47
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	57	154	1.0	2.2	951	1,106	18.35	17.80
All grades.....	6,177	6,857			1,092	1,114	24.11	22.89
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	48	--	.8	--	1,286	--	27.68	--
Choice.....	1,449	703	22.7	13.0	1,085	1,057	26.37	25.13
Good.....	3,821	2,438	59.7	45.0	1,060	1,065	24.57	23.49
Standard.....	935	2,068	14.6	38.2	990	1,021	22.19	21.33
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	143	203	2.2	3.8	876	925	18.58	17.87
All grades.....	6,396	5,412			1,053	1,042	24.58	22.71
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	41	54	.5	.7	1,025	1,176	27.45	26.79
Choice.....	3,246	3,506	40.9	48.5	1,151	1,109	25.98	24.19
Good.....	4,311	2,953	54.4	40.8	1,110	1,119	23.95	22.14
Standard.....	329	692	4.2	9.6	1,098	1,089	20.43	19.18
Utility.....	--	25	--	.4	--	1,037	--	16.42
All grades.....	7,927	7,230			1,126	1,111	24.67	22.87
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	734	1,078	55.2	54.8	1,154	1,163	25.97	25.49
Good.....	545	783	41.0	39.8	1,142	1,203	24.48	23.82
Standard.....	50	96	3.8	4.9	1,104	1,081	19.44	18.65
Utility.....	--	11	--	.5	--	915	--	17.29
All grades.....	1,329	1,968			1,147	1,174	25.13	24.46

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 17	Dec. 19	Dec. 17	Dec. 19	Dec. 17	Dec. 19	Dec. 17	Dec. 19
	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959
Boston, New York City Area...	10,082	14,371	9,541	10,072	45,469	56,393	36,322	42,033
Baltimore, Philadelphia 1/...	7,192	8,148	1,295	1,476	27,731	30,578	3,194	4,680
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	18,887	14,850	4,500	4,549	113,832	144,388	13,470	16,280
Chicago Area.....	16,372	17,078	8,129	8,686	40,871	37,765	5,539	6,862
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	30,917	30,099	25,561	23,224	111,424	145,903	17,130	12,926
St. Louis Area.....	12,154	10,328	2,301	1,719	71,171	86,068	4,881	5,489
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	23,204	23,801	--	--	109,875	139,682	12,985	13,421
Omaha Area.....	38,413	35,580	201	182	78,360	100,107	14,566	11,806
Kansas City.....	14,873	13,113	--	--	34,398	47,647	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	34,958	31,590	10,467	10,636	290,465	336,917	39,489	29,346
Lou'1.Evan'1.Nash'1.Mph's....	5,878	5,851	3,516	4,106	49,032	61,473	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	9,043	5,574	5,858	2,504	32,114	31,158	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	18,764	18,807	1,188	1,258	46,767	63,528	7,605	7,464
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	9,833	7,094	4,387	2,758	18,175	17,948	10,270	8,575
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	19,362	17,808	227	203	14,998	19,650	20,955	21,425
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	26,860	24,214	1,249	1,170	26,042	33,068	30,676	26,336
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,580	6,686	288	355	17,319	17,752	3,431	3,751
Total.....	304,372	284,992	78,708	72,898	1,128,043	1,370,025	220,513	210,394
Accumulation to date.....	15,382,557		3,535,328		55,250,736		12,315,131	
		14,049,777		3,319,339		58,017,467		11,607,521

1/ Revision week Dec. 10, 1960: Cattle 9,509, calves 2,684, hogs 31,583, sheep 3,591.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Dec. 17, 1960	375	223.1	115	12.5	1,290	180.1	240	11.5	427.2	--
Dec. 10, 1960	405	241.0	115	12.5	1,465	206.3	285	13.7	473.5	--
Nov. 26, 1960 1/	313	--	91	--	1,083	--	249	--	--	37.9
Dec. 19, 1959 1/	339	202.8	103	11.3	1,535	209.2	225	10.9	434.2	46.5
Percentage change from:										
Dec. 10, 1960	-7	-7	0	0	-12	-13	-16	-16	-10	--
Dec. 19, 1959	11	10	12	11	-16	-14	7	6	-2	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs 2/		Sheep and lambs		Lard
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	yield per 100 lb.
Dec. 17, 1960	1035	595	195	109	245	140	100	48	--
Dec. 10, 1960	1035	595	195	109	247	141	100	48	--
Nov. 26, 1960	1035	590	200	112	245	140	98	47	--
Dec. 19, 1959	1042	598	193	110	240	136	100	48	12.6

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
Classification		Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
		17	19	17	19	17	19	17	19	17	19
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	27.50	26.85	--	--	26.92	26.68	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	27.62	27.12	--	--	26.88	26.68	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	26.65	25.62	26.25	25.25	25.88	25.30	25.95	25.95	25.75	--
	1100-1300	26.15	25.25	26.02	25.12	25.70	24.98	25.89	25.15	25.25	--
Good	900-1100	24.68	23.50	23.78	22.62	23.75	22.90	23.20	22.48	24.50	25.25
Standard - All wts.		22.58	21.42	20.42	19.62	20.92	19.72	20.00	19.00	21.75	22.50
Heifers -											
Choice*	700-900#	25.62	--	25.12	24.62	25.00	24.25	25.25	25.12	23.75	--
Good**	600-800	--	22.45	22.90	22.00	23.12	21.85	22.95	22.38	22.50	23.38
Standard - All wts.		21.60	20.10	19.60	19.00	21.10	19.10	19.50	19.00	19.75	21.25
Cows - All weights -											
Commercial		15.25	15.80	15.88	15.75	15.55	15.88	--	17.55	16.00	16.75
Utility		14.72	14.62	14.82	14.62	14.50	14.62	16.00	15.92	15.00	15.25
Cutter		13.72)		13.98)		13.25)		14.00)		12.75)	
Canner		11.98)	13.52	12.35)	12.00	12.05)	12.78	12.75)	13.38	10.25)	12.25
Bulls - All weights -											
Commercial		18.15	21.10	17.08	18.50	17.20	19.25	--	--	--	19.50
Utility		18.65	20.15	17.18	18.25	17.45	18.75	19.00	19.75	19.25	20.25
Calves - 500# down -											
Choice		--	--	22.00	23.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	20.00	21.75	--	--	--	--	22.75	25.50
Standard		--	--	17.50	19.25	--	--	--	--	19.75	22.25
Vealers - All wts. -											
Choice		24.50	--	23.50	27.00	23.00	24.50	--	--	28.00	31.25
Good		22.50	27.50	21.25	24.50	20.75	23.00	--	--	26.00	28.50
Standard		18.50	23.50	19.00	21.00	17.50	20.50	--	--	22.50	24.50
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	26.62	27.00	25.80	25.55	26.62	26.75	25.88	26.00	23.25	24.00
Good	500-800	24.50	24.75	23.95	23.50	24.50	24.50	24.00	24.25	19.00	22.50
Medium	500-1000	21.55	21.05	20.60	19.90	21.48	21.00	21.25	21.00	18.50	19.75
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750#	--	--	22.75	22.60	23.75	24.50	23.38	23.00	20.75	22.50
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	19.75	19.25	20.75	21.00	21.50	20.00	17.50	19.50
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	15.50	16.00	15.00	13.50	16.00	16.00	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	27.30	27.00	28.50	30.00	29.00	29.50	24.50	23.50
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	23.75	24.00	25.00	26.75	26.25	26.25	20.50	23.00
*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.											
** " " 700-900# " "											

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Dec.	19	Dec.	19	Dec.	19	Dec.	19	Dec.	19	Dec.	19	Dec.	19	Dec.	19
Barrows and gilts																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	18.17	12.32	--	--	18.08	12.40	17.05	11.98	18.14	12.64	17.64	11.88	17.52	11.90	17.88	12.30
200-220	18.33	12.60	17.09	--	17.98	12.41	17.73	12.32	18.20	12.64	17.76	12.12	17.52	11.96	17.88	12.18
220-240	17.78	12.04	16.85	--	17.78	12.18	17.70	12.32	17.86	12.36	17.71	12.08	17.40	11.93	17.55	11.82
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	17.80	12.07	16.72	--	17.71	11.98	17.05	11.62	17.56	11.98	17.05	11.34	17.28	11.48	17.48	11.82
220-240	17.22	11.68	16.50	--	17.31	11.68	17.05	11.58	17.28	11.85	17.00	11.36	16.88	11.44	17.20	11.28
240-270	16.50	11.20	15.90	--	16.50	10.98	16.45	11.12	16.50	11.15	16.56	11.02	16.70	11.06	16.48	10.88
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	17.96	12.06	16.13	11.06	17.90	12.18	16.68	11.45	17.83	12.21	17.24	11.38	17.50	11.57	17.65	12.12
200-220	18.12	12.32	16.79	11.55	17.85	12.18	17.28	11.85	17.86	12.28	17.24	11.62	17.42	11.76	17.65	12.00
220-240	17.48	11.86	16.60	11.31	17.50	11.78	17.25	11.85	17.42	12.08	17.20	11.62	17.36	11.71	17.40	11.50
240-270	16.75	11.34	15.98	10.77	16.66	11.16	16.60	11.40	16.72	11.31	16.68	11.16	17.00	11.45	16.80	11.00
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	14.59	9.51	14.68	9.95	14.22	9.48	14.45	10.16	14.66	9.65	14.41	9.12	13.92	9.68
330-400	13.85	9.35	13.83	8.97	14.18	9.70	13.62	8.85	13.55	9.50	14.00	9.15	13.70	8.60	13.30	9.08
400-550	12.38	8.50	12.58	7.91	12.92	8.55	12.72	8.22	12.75	8.48	12.95	8.30	12.72	7.90	12.18	8.10
Classification	South		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North	
	St. Paul														Portland	
Barrows and gilts																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.52	12.05	17.12	11.72	--	--	18.30	12.42	--	--	17.55	12.12	18.88	13.56	19.38	14.19
200-220	17.55	12.28	17.42	11.95	17.27	11.74	18.55	12.58	--	--	17.55	12.12	19.00	13.59	19.47	14.19
220-240	17.42	12.28	17.37	11.75	17.27	11.70	18.40	12.24	--	--	17.55	12.12	--	--	18.88	13.94
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	17.18	11.68	17.21	11.68	16.92	11.45	18.32	12.47	17.56	11.84	16.88	11.55	--	--	18.62	--
220-240	16.88	11.45	17.14	11.63	16.90	11.35	18.21	12.22	17.56	11.75	16.88	11.55	18.50	13.17	18.38	--
240-270	16.15	11.12	16.63	11.24	16.18	10.82	17.88	11.60	17.34	11.56	16.30	10.88	17.75	12.25	17.84	--
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	17.25	11.78	17.08	11.68	--	--	18.16	12.34	17.31	--	17.02	11.60	19.25	13.38	--	13.44
200-220	17.25	11.78	17.30	11.81	17.18	11.58	18.34	12.47	17.66	11.91	17.02	11.60	19.34	13.50	--	13.44
220-240	16.95	11.65	17.27	11.71	17.06	11.46	18.18	12.22	17.53	11.75	17.02	11.60	18.92	13.19	--	13.31
240-270	16.20	--	16.80	11.28	16.40	10.98	--	11.60	17.38	11.56	--	--	--	--	--	12.59
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3																
270-330	14.92	9.98	14.55	9.42	14.05	9.08	14.68	9.55	15.00	9.25	13.05	8.85	14.88	--	15.50	11.50
330-400	13.90	9.20	13.65	9.02	13.22	8.68	13.88	8.90	14.88	8.75	12.55	8.10	14.56	--	14.50	10.75
400-550	12.75	8.20	12.52	8.32	12.30	7.85	12.48	8.28	14.81	8.50	11.80	7.35	13.00	--	13.38	9.75
Feeder pigs - All wts																
Good and Choice	16.75	9.85	16.18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 17, 1960	17.21	17.23	16.94	16.84	16.78	17.05	16.66	17.49	17.00
	Dec. 10, 1960	17.55	17.54	17.16	17.21	16.97	17.24	17.01	17.80	17.30
	Dec. 19, 1959	11.69	11.64	11.48	11.43	11.31	11.45	11.39	12.01	11.53
	Dec. 17, 1960	12.64	13.28	13.23	12.87	12.60	13.26	12.93	12.82	12.90
Sows	Dec. 10, 1960	13.52	13.85	14.14	13.95	13.74	14.00	13.80	13.43	13.77
	Dec. 19, 1959	8.66	8.85	8.08	8.39	8.52	8.53	8.55	8.58	8.56
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 17, 1960	235	221	231	239	240	232	232	228	232
	Dec. 10, 1960	237	224	235	238	241	232	233	230	234
	Dec. 19, 1959	230	219	234	238	238	227	227	225	229
	Dec. 17, 1960	444	399	434	434	435	417	416	462	430
Sows	Dec. 10, 1960	451	417	440	438	430	421	426	461	435
	Dec. 19, 1959	446	406	425	427	426	414	415	436	424
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 17, 1960	32995	49781	14523	38358	38879	23773	38142	22223	258674
	Dec. 10, 1960	36033	49656	15515	40721	41106	26492	42106	25601	277230
	Dec. 19, 1959	34699	64911	16764	56957	48419	36016	52877	31503	342146
	Dec. 17, 1960	4108	4408	1275	5555	4157	2277	4663	3492	29935
Sows	Dec. 10, 1960	4024	4280	1544	6530	4520	2575	5766	4059	33298
	Dec. 19, 1959	5453	6347	1659	6764	4058	3348	5014	3840	36483
SOWS		Percentage of total								
		Dec. 17, 1960	11	8	8	13	10	9	11	14
		Dec. 10, 1960	10	8	9	14	10	9	12	14
		Dec. 19, 1959	14	9	9	11	8	9	9	11

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Dec. 17, 1960	\$19.81	\$18.12	\$1.69
Dec. 10, 1960	20.08	18.20	1.88
Dec. 19, 1959	14.11	12.32	1.79

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 17, 1960	17.21	101.2	17.0
Dec. 10, 1960	17.55	99.5	17.6
Dec. 19, 1959	11.69	109.0	10.7

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Dec. 17, 1960	17.22	--	16.48	--	--	17.50	--
	Dec. 19, 1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Dec. 17, 1960	16.72	16.55	16.00	16.55	16.95	16.75	17.31
	Dec. 19, 1959	17.55	17.60	17.48	16.75	17.80	16.95	16.75
Good	Dec. 17, 1960	15.42	15.45	15.25	16.05	15.98	15.75	16.50
	Dec. 19, 1959	16.90	16.72	16.85	16.25	17.18	16.32	16.00
EWES (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Dec. 17, 1960	5.70	6.05	4.75	--	6.25*	4.50	4.88
	Dec. 19, 1959	4.50	5.50	4.25*	--	5.50*	4.50	5.00
Cull and Utility	Dec. 17, 1960	5.20	5.25	3.88	6.30*	5.25*	3.75	3.62
	Dec. 19, 1959	3.75	4.12	3.50*	6.50*	3.75*	3.00	3.75
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Dec. 17, 1960	--	15.75	--	14.65	16.75	--	15.00
	Dec. 19, 1959	--	17.00	--	14.70	17.72	15.40	14.75

*Shorn basis.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
NOVEMBER 1960 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
N. Atlantic States	122	116	119	96	504	495	188	174
S. Atlantic States	47	35	35	22	307	311	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /
N. C. States - Eastern.	266	257	176	164	1,244	1,367	100	125
N. C. States - N. West.	511	492	72	62	2,395	2,677	415	314
N. C. States - S. West.	157	146	14	16	522	678	70	68
S. Central States	188	139	62	55	458	472	105	96
Mountain States	128	96	2	3	93	105	164	128
Pacific States	205	180	22	20	183	232	148	164
Total	1,625	1,462	502	438	5,707	6,337	1,192	1,070

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): Nov. 1960 - Horses 5,542; Goats 6,772; Nov. 1959 - Horses 8,068; Goats 3,996.

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WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Heavy snow had crippling effect on general conditions embracing wholesale, retail and related meat traffic. Delivery trucks were snowed in and movement of meats from sales coolers was a virtual impossibility until mid-week, particularly in New York and Philadelphia. Supplies were mostly normal except pork receipts moderate at New York. Clearance was fairly complete at most markets. At New York labor difficulties arose late in the week at the larger wholesale center in the area, which resulted in sharp slow down by unloading crews, involved in new contract negotiations. At that market, there was a sizable carryover, notably beef. Pork movement was generally slow on the eastern seaboard but demand was fairly broad for beef, veal, calf and lamb.

Steer beef sold steady to \$1.00 higher, bulk strong to 50¢ higher; cow beef 50¢-\$1.50 lower at Philadelphia, but steady to strong at other markets; veal and calf prices advanced \$1.00-2.00; lamb prices declined 50¢ to mostly \$1.00 at New York, otherwise, steady to \$1.00 higher. Pork loins steady to \$2.00 higher at all markets except New York where late sales were fully \$2.00 lower. Fresh skinned hams were steady to \$1.00 higher; Boston butts and spareribs weak to mostly \$1.00 lower. Kosher steer forequarters sold 50¢-\$1.00 higher; lamb generally \$2.00 up. The trend for kosher veal and calf was \$2.00-3.00 higher.

CHICAGO - Supplies of steer and heifer beef, lamb and fresh pork were about normal. Choice carcasses comprised the bulk of the beef supply. Most lamb carcasses weighed 55-65#, relatively few under 45#; pork loins 12-16# offered most abundantly; veal supply rather small. The local carcass beef trade was slow although little price change was recorded. At the outset beef chucks, rounds and ribs sold in a rather brisk trade, however by Wednesday chucks and rounds slowed considerably and downturns as much as \$3.00 were recorded. Veal followed a higher trend for the third consecutive week, raising prices to their highest point since April. Trading on veal was only moderately active but small supplies provided a bullish influence. Carcass lamb and all fore end cuts were on the draggy side, hind-saddles on the other hand moved into most channels of outlet. Fresh pork trade was slow, loins declining daily.

Steer and heifer beef closed about steady; veal \$1.00-3.00 higher; lamb \$1.00-1.50 lower; pork loins 8-16# \$2.50-4.00 lower; full decline on 12-16#; Boston butts 4-8# \$1.00-1.50 lower; spareribs \$1.00 lower.

PACIFIC COAST - Wholesale meat trading was retarded slightly by the approaching holiday season and as a reaction to recent price advances. Retailers were more selective as they readied display cases for the usual shift to smoked hams and poultry items. Supplies were generally adequate and occasionally excessive with fresh pork, particularly loins, as well as beef chucks, accumulating under a limited demand. Smoked hams, along with Good and Choice beef ribs and trimmed loins found best demand for the holiday season. Compared with a week earlier, steer and heifer beef was generally steady in Los Angeles, steady to instances 50¢ higher in the northwest and mostly \$1.00 higher in San Francisco. Veal and calf was mostly steady except \$1.00-2.00 lower in San Francisco. Lamb prices were steady to \$1.00 higher but the advance met considerable resistance in the northwest. Fresh pork loins were under pressure generally although about steady in Portland but unevenly \$2.00-5.00 lower elsewhere. Other fresh pork was mostly steady except weak to \$2.00 lower in Los Angeles. Smoked pork held at fully steady levels at most coolers.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - General price declines were recorded on normal supplies of all classes. Demand was only moderate. Limited movement at eastern wholesale centers early due to severe weather conditions contributed to the dull trade.

Choice steer beef and Good heifer beef closed steady to 50¢ lower; Good steer beef 50¢-\$1.00 lower and Choice heifer beef \$1.00-1.50 off; cow beef 50¢ lower; lamb \$1.50-1.75 lower; pork loins \$2.50 lower; fresh hams \$1.00-2.00 lower; pork butts 50¢-\$1.00 lower; pork sides steady to 40¢ higher.

Choice 600-700# steer beef \$41.00-42.00, 700-800# \$40.00-41.00; Good 600-700# \$37.50-39.50, 700-800# \$36.50-39.00. Choice heifer beef 500-700# \$39.00-39.50, Good \$37.50-38.50; Utility cow beef \$27.50-28.50; Choice including a few Prime 45-55# lamb carcasses \$32.75-34.25; 8-12# pork loins \$40.50-42.00; 12-14# fresh hams \$44.00-45.00, 14-16# \$41.00-42.00; pork butts 4-8# \$30.00-31.50. U.S. 1-3, 135-155# pork carcasses \$24.70-25.65, 155-175# \$24.10-25.55.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. A critical transportation tie-up in New York due to heavy snow retarded trading activity at most carlot centers. Steer beef prices were steady to 50¢ lower for the week; heifer beef 50¢-\$1.50 lower; cow beef 50¢-\$1.00 off, except steady at Denver; lamb 50¢-\$2.00 lower; pork loins \$2.00-2.50 off at Chicago, and at Philadelphia sales were \$2.50-3.50 lower.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
 Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Dec.17	Dec.19	Dec.17	Dec.19	Dec.17	Dec.19	Dec.17	Dec.19
		: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.75	48.10	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.75	44.60	44.25	42.00	42.00	43.25	41.22	42.94
	700-800	44.75	43.10	42.75	39.88	40.62	41.50	39.56	41.25
Good	500-600	42.25	42.35	42.50	39.56	40.38	42.50	40.00	42.00
	600-700	43.00	42.85	42.50	39.56	39.25	40.50	38.50	40.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	42.75	--	40.00	--	41.00	--
	600-700	--	--	42.75	--	38.50	--	39.50	--
Good	500-600	--	--	41.12	--	--	--	39.25	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	57.80	61.10	55.00	52.75	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	51.30	48.80	52.00	46.88	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	43.80	44.20	46.00	41.75	48.25	53.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	40.45	41.80	39.12	--	39.50	--	40.25	38.50
Choice	45-55	40.10	39.85	39.12	38.38	39.50	39.25	40.25	38.50
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	49.20	35.35	45.00	32.10	50.25	40.00	47.00	36.75
Butts	4-8	37.60	31.60	34.12	26.60	39.50	34.00	42.12	33.50
Spareribs	3# down	40.80	34.10	36.25	30.55	42.25	37.00	39.88	35.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	51.00	41.50	55.50	48.75	54.00	51.50	52.38	50.25
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		47.50	35.00	51.50	38.75	55.50	39.00	52.50	40.35
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	33.00	28.50	33.00	31.50	32.50	30.00	33.00	29.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.50	12.75	14.50	11.25	17.00	15.50	15.74	13.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 16, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	42.00-42.50	41.00-41.50	41.50-41.75	44.50-45.00	43.50-44.00
	700-800	41.00-42.00	40.00-40.50	40.50-41.75	43.50-44.00	42.50-43.00
	800-900	40.50-41.00	39.00-39.50	39.50-39.75	42.50-43.00	42.00-42.50
Good	500-600	39.50-40.50	--	--	42.00-42.50	--
	600-700	39.50-40.50	37.50-39.00	39.25-39.75	41.50-42.50	40.00-42.00
	700-800	39.00-40.00	37.50-39.00	38.00-39.25	41.00-42.00	39.50-41.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	40.00-40.50	41.00	39.50-39.75	--	--
	600-700	40.00-40.50	38.75-39.75	39.50-39.75	--	42.00-42.50
Good	500-600	38.50-39.00	--	38.00-38.25	--	--
	600-700	38.50-39.00	--	38.00-38.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.50-29.00	28.50-30.00	27.50-28.00	--	29.25-30.50
Canner and Cutter		28.50-29.00	--	28.00-28.50	--	29.25-30.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	35.00-36.00	--	--	38.00-40.00	38.00-38.50
	45-55	34.00-35.00	--	35.25	36.50-38.50	36.00-36.50
	55-65	32.00-33.00	--	32.25	34.00-35.50	34.00-34.50
Choice	35-45	35.00-36.00	33.50	--	38.00-40.00	38.00-38.50
	45-55	34.00-35.00	32.50-33.50	35.25	36.50-38.50	36.00-36.50
	55-65	32.00-33.00	31.25-31.50	32.25	34.00-35.50	34.00-34.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	42.00-43.00	--	41.50-42.50	--	42.50-43.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Activity in greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market continued slow and prices were somewhat uneven. Trading in woolen wools was slow and prices were about steady. Activity in noils continued slow, prices unchanged. There were a few sales of fine and half-blood fleece wools but sales of medium fleece grades or territory wools were limited.

Cabled reports from Australia at mid-week indicated an unchanged market with Japan and Western Europe dominating. In New Zealand, prices declined, Western Europe and England the principal buyers. South African markets were firm under general competition. South American carpet wools declined but fine wools were about steady.

Fleece Wools - Medium grade fleece wools becoming quite scarce. Some movement of fine and half-blood. Fine staple and good French sold at \$1.12 while a car of half-blood brought \$1.05 and another \$1.08. A car of Delaine sold around \$1.15.

Territory Wools - Inventories held by dealers in the territory States reported to be quite small. Movement of wool in this area consists largely of widely scattered sales of relatively small lots.

Texas Wools - Some scoured short wools were sold at unchanged prices. Good to average staple moved around \$1.12 f.o.b. Texas.

Mohair - A substantial quantity of mohair sold in Texas the past week at unchanged prices - 81½¢ for adult and \$1.16½ for kid.

Foreign Wools - Foreign markets closed mostly firm. Trade in spot foreign wools continued slow. Cabled quotations from foreign markets at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U.S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured Yields
7 - \$1.04	17 - \$.97
8 - 1.01	22 - .98
12 - 1.01	27 - .96
47 - 1.01	32 - .91
52 - .99	33 - .89
53 - .97	

Australia	
Oil-combed	
77B - \$1.05	422 - \$1.00
78B - 1.01	423 - .94
79B - .98	424 - .91

New Zealand Oil-combed

86 - \$.83	100 - \$.80
93 - .82	107 - .78
834 - .81	114 - .78
	128 - .77

Montevideo Super Skirted: 64s - 90¢; 60/64s - 89-90¢, 60s - 88¢, 58/60s - 86-87¢, 58/56s - 84¢, 50/56s - 83¢.

Carpet Wools - Sales of spot carpet wool very slow. A spot lot of scoured November second clip wool sold for 79¢. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clip offered for shipment 69-71¢ clean fibers present while 71-73¢ was asked for Buenos Aires fleeces, clean fibers present. New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered at 74-75¢ for shipment and early shorn fleeces 72-73¢.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic	
56/58s 2" white	\$1.05
58s 2-3" white	1.02
58/60s 2-3" white	1.03
58s 1-2" ch. white	1.00

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

58s 2½-3½" white	\$1.05
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Greasy Pulled Foreign

N. Z. 56/58s 2-3" super good style	\$1.05
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Noils

Ave. Aust. 62s nobles .80

Texas Scoured fine 12 months \$1.18

Wool Tops - The wool top market continued very quiet. Some inquiry for fine and quarter-blood. Quotes follow:

Warp Aust. D/C	Warp Dom. D/C
70s - \$1.81	\$1.75
64s - 1.75	1.69
62s - 1.69	1.61
60s - 1.64	1.52
58/60s 1.60	1.50

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Dec.15, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the New York Cotton Exchange)

December wool tops	- \$1.451
March wool tops	- 1.450
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
December wool	- 1.085
March wool	- 1.110
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

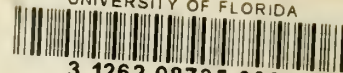
COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, NOVEMBER 30, 1960

The November net-into-storage movement of red meats was well below that of a year earlier and average. The increase of 9 million pounds compares with 56 million during November 1959 and 93 million pounds, the average. December 1 red meat stocks of 410 million pounds were 14 percent below stocks held for the date last year and 11 percent below average. The 11-million-pound November net gain in pork stocks compares with 39 million during November 1959 and the average of 59 million. December 1 pork holdings totaled 154 million pounds while a year earlier, 224 million pounds were stored. The 1955-59 average is 225 million pounds. A November net-reduction of 4 million pounds in beef stocks brought holdings to 168 million pounds. Normally, there is a net gain at this time of year. The average is 30 million pounds while during November 1959, a net increase of 15 million pounds was reported.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, NOV. 30, 1960 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	November 1955-59 av.	November 1959	October 1960	November 1960
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen	155,331	166,761	161,677	156,696
In cure and cured	10,438	10,460	10,294	10,961
Total	165,769	177,221	171,971	167,657
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics	1/	7,335	4,003	5,291
Hams	1/	38,596	40,079	34,737
Bellies	1/	42,393	15,828	19,430
Other frozen pork cuts	1/	85,302	48,757	53,000
Total	153,984	173,626	108,667	112,458
Pork in cure or cured:				
Dry salt bellies	1/	9,036	3,554	6,999
Other dry salt pork	1/	6,582	4,456	5,741
Other pork cuts	1/	34,586	27,257	29,479
Total	71,471	50,204	35,267	42,219
Total pork	225,455	223,830	143,934	154,677
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen	13,556	8,913	10,768	12,776
Lamb and mutton, frozen	9,623	12,624	12,286	12,139
Canned meats in cooler	48,524	54,308	62,546	63,216
Total all meats	462,927	476,896	401,505	410,465
Lard, rendered and refined 2/	88,173	92,100	72,600	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 3/ -				
Pork	4,876	1,991	2,048	1,941
Beef	5,472	1,365	2,503	2,483

1/ Not reported separately prior to 1957. 2/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 3/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U.S.D.A., the Armed Services and other Government agencies. 4/ Not available.



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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

Commodity	Oct. 1960	Oct. 1959
	Pounds	Pounds
EXPORTS (Domestic)		
Beef and veal -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	877,169	674,380
Pickled or cured (except canned)	1,769,750	2,261,230
Pork -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	2,971,223	1,502,481
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked	1,454,704	2,047,155
Bacon	333,268	1,937,676
Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured, n.e.c.	1,287,521	1,003,144
Sausage, bologna & frankfurters (except canned)	130,101	201,950
Meat and meat products (except canned) n.e.c.	233,423	6,391
Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen	5,510,805	5,068,450
Beef tongues, fresh or frozen	1,925,070	1,041,570
Variety meats, n.e.c. (except canned)	2,815,151	1,555,813
Meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c.	466,473	574,301
Canned meats -		
Beef and veal	230,046	442,960
Sausage, bologna and frankfurters	131,348	102,558
Hams and shoulders	30,281	61,986
Pork, canned, n.e.c.	274,880	343,821
Meat and meat products, n.e.c.	174,060	357,317
Lamb and mutton (except canned)	97,024	50,969
Lard (includes rendered pork fat)	57,920,318	67,844,978
Shortenings, animal fat (excl. lard)	50,160	120,840
Tallow, edible	1,276,878	1,811,564
Tallow, inedible	131,465,358	137,364,857
Inedible animal oils, n.e.c.	84,212	313,433
Inedible animal greases and fats, n.e.c.	14,018,195	11,079,108

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

	Oct. 1960	Oct. 1959
	Number	Number
Cattle (For breeding) -		
Dairy	810	785
Ex. dairy	805	901
Other (ex. for breeding)	663	5,224
Hogs	190	2,420
Sheep	1,308	54

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.